

**REMARKS**

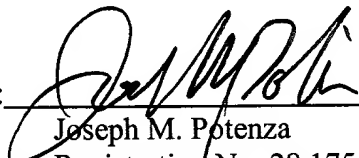
The office action of August 18, 2003, has been carefully considered and this paper is responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claim 23 has been amended.

Applicants cancel claims 3, 19, 21-22 and rewrite claim 23 in independent form.


Applicants request the present office action to be considered non-final. Applicants have previously made this request. Applicants attach a copy of the Request to Withdraw Finality of Office Action filed on September 3, 2003, with a copy of receipt showing PTO reception of the transmission.

Applicants therefore submit this application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to further prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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